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## Rally focuses on poverty, class

### Millions More Movement speakers point out disparities

By Bethonie Butler  
FOR THE CHARLOTTE POST

WASHINGTON - On the surface, the backdrop was the Nation's Capitol as thousands gathered to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Million Man March, which challenged black

men.

But the growing awareness of poverty and class divisions that came into focus after Hurricane Katrina destroyed much of the Gulf Coast was the real backdrop to the Million More Movement, which

sought to pick up where the Million Man March had left off. The crowd that came to Washington last Saturday, was not the attentive crowd of 1995, but many say the feeling of unity among a diverse group of black Americans echoed that of

the celebrated Million Man March.

Ron Walters, a political scientist and professor of government and politics at the University of Maryland, who spoke at Saturday's rally and helped plan the

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Nation of Islam leader Minister Louis Farrakhan addresses the crowd at Saturday's Millions More Movement rally.

## ACADEMIC, FUND RAISING ACE

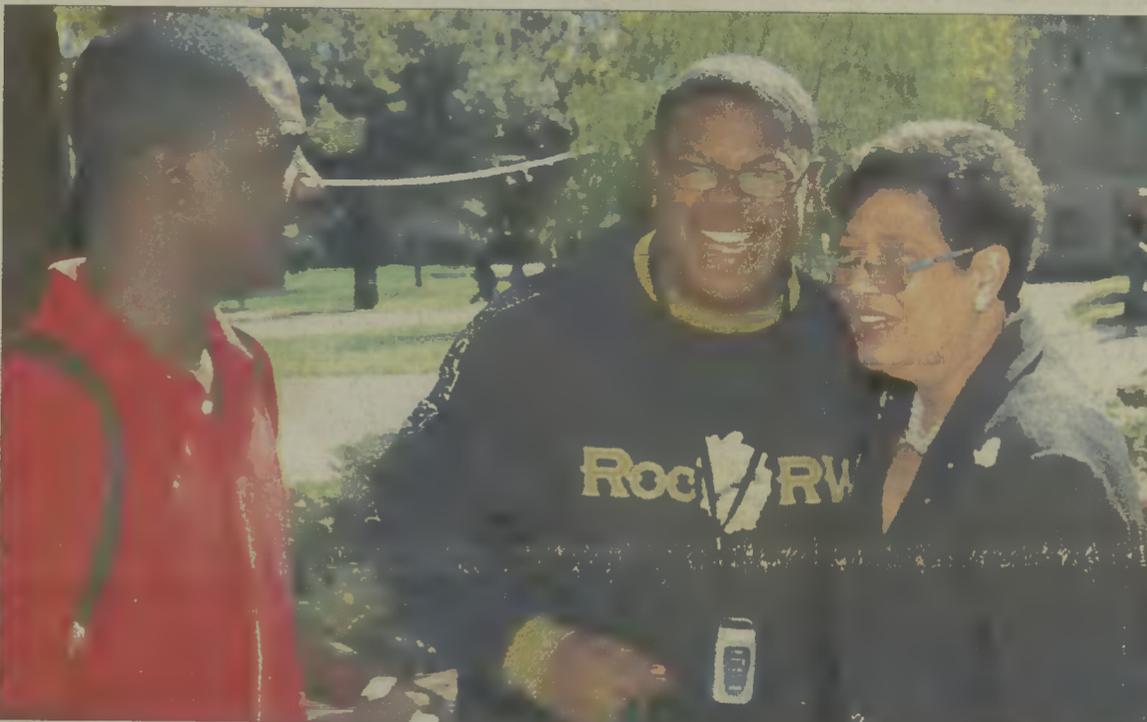


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In 1994, Johnson C. Smith University President Dorothy Cowser Yancy intended to stay on the job for six months, then return to her job as a professor at Georgia Tech. Since then, she's led record academic and financial growth for the Charlotte school.

## Short-term plan turns into long-term mission

### JCSU president Yancy marks decade of academic growth

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When Dorothy Cowser Yancy Ph.D., arrived at Johnson C. Smith University in 1994, she planned to stay at her alma mater for six months as president.

"Georgia Tech held my office for two years," the former his-

tory professor said. "This is something that I never really planned or thought of. People have dreams and goals and plans and my plan was to be an excellent professor. To be a full professor with tenure and to be a wonderful labor arbitrator."

But it was something about

being back at JCSU that wouldn't let her leave. Yancy said she can't even describe what it was that kept her at the university.

As president, Yancy has made her mark in fund raising and increased technology. However she doesn't take all of the credit for her success these

last 11 years.

"This has been a team effort," she said. "We have a fairly good team in place."

Yancy also credits the board of trustees for Smith's growth because they have bought and supported her vision.

"I wanted to improve the

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## Bill to limit housing funds

### Political non-profits would be restricted

By Janell J. Lewis  
THE CHARLOTTE POST

WASHINGTON - A federal housing bill would provide more low-income housing, but would prohibit its use by organizations affiliated with any type of voting activity.

The Federal Housing Finance Reform Act (H.R. 1461) would establish new affordable housing funds at mortgage financing companies Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae. The bill would require the housing companies to dedicate five percent of its after-tax profits to its Affordable Housing Fund.

Under a proposed provision, any non-profit organization that receives money to develop affordable housing would be prohibited from engaging in voter activities and lobbying for 12 months prior to applying for federal funding, even if using private funds.

Rick Cohen, director of the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, calls the provision biased, because it is not imposed on for-profit companies.

"The fact that restrictions apply to nonprofits applying to the fund, and not for-profits, is clearly meant to discriminate against the charitable sector that speaks for and represents the populations

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## Accountability goal of academic symposium

By Herbert L. White  
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A symposium on accountability standards in public education will be held Saturday.

The symposium, called "making the Gateway," will be held at Cochrane Middle School, 6200 Starhaven Drive from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Facilitators include teachers and administrators from Cochrane and Devonshire Elementary School.

Issues to be covered include N.C. and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools standards; end of grade tests, intervention strategies for disadvantaged students and an explanation of the achievement gateway.

The symposium is an effort to bring together parents, administrators and teachers together to form a comprehensive hands-on opportunity to learn about academic accountability, said Josephine Houston, a Cochrane teacher and facilitator.

## Charlotte leadership program recruiting for next class

By David D. Dawson  
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Are you a leader?

Focus on Future Leaders will have its recruitment reception for their 2006 leadership training program Sunday at the Charleston House, 3128 The Plaza, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The free reception is to generate potential participants and volunteers for the organization's fourth class.

Ron Leeper, founder of R.J.

Leeper Construction, Johnson C. Smith University continuing education director Angela Jeter, City Councilman James Mitchell and IBM executive Kevin Patterson founded FOFL in 2002. The non-profit organization involves participants in opportunities using proactive strategies to address issues impacting the African-American community.

The goal is to successfully develop a first class leadership program primarily for African-

Americans, providing them with the necessary tools to become active leaders in the Charlotte Metropolitan community through community involvement.

Brenda McMoore, FOFL's president and program chair, looks for grassroots minded participants who want to be involved in the community.

"We are an all inclusive organization. We want anybody who has an interest in being involved in his or her community," she said.

"That's from the grandma who is at home and wants to be active to business people."

The cost of the six month program is \$200 with a \$50 non-refundable application. McMoore states that they will not turn away future leaders if they are unable to pay the class fee in full.

"If someone wants to be involved but does not have the \$200, they need to get in contact

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